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To the attention of Mrs. Toi Johnson
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Ref.: Preliminary Amendment to US-Application-Number:09/807.410, Filing Date: 04/19/2001

Dear Mrs. Johnson,

herewith I would like to ask you to please:

- a) cancel claims 1 to 11 previously sent with the application and
- b) renumber the new claims, sent with the preliminary amendment into claims 13 to 33.

Thank you so very much, have a nice day

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